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Inventors: **LI et al.**  
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1. Eighth Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement;
2. Form PTO-1449 (2 pages) citing 4 references;
3. Copies of 4 cited references; and
4. One (1) return postcard.

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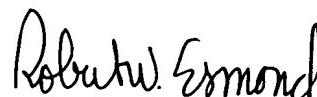
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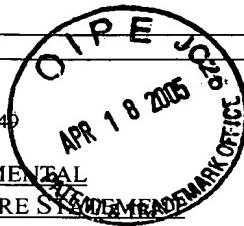
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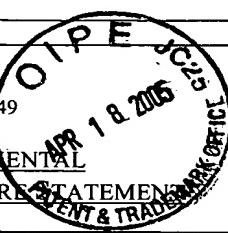
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